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AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 12-14 and 182-183 as follows:

12. (Amended) The method of claim [9] 1, wherein said detection comprises ELISA.
13. (Amended) The method of claim [9] 1, wherein said detection comprises RIA.
14. (Amended) The method of claim [9] 1, wherein said detection comprises Western blot.

REMARKS

Entry of the instant Amendment is believed proper because it reduces the issues in the case by placing the claims in condition for allowance. The amendments to claims 12-14 were included in Appellants' Response to Final Office Action, but entry thereof was refused as allegedly raising new issues, thereby making the instant amendment necessary. However, the instant Amendment does not raise new issues, as it eliminates a clerical error comprising the dependency of claim 12-14 upon claim 9, which was canceled in the prosecution of the case. Claims 12-14 as amended now depend upon claim 1, which is still pending in the case. The amendments thus eliminates this issue in the case. Entry of the instant paper in the case is thus respectfully requested.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a marked-up version of the claim amendments has been attached as Appendix A and a clean copy of the claims on appeal following entry of the amendments has been attached as Appendix B.